

1.8 Groundwater Management Compliance

The BVWSD Project and the GHCSO Project will both directly affect groundwater levels and/or quality as both projects involve groundwater recharge and recovery. These project proponents meet the requirements of CWC Section 10753.7 regarding Groundwater Management Plans. A list of groundwater users, contact information, and compliance documentation is provided in **Table 1.8-1**. Additional details for each of the Project Proponents are provided in the following sections.

The LOWMWC Project will not directly affect groundwater levels or quality as their project is a water conservation project resulting in reduced water use from replacement of leaking water mains and the installation of new water meters. This Project will result in reduced groundwater pumping but will not directly affect groundwater levels or quality. This statement regarding this project was confirmed through correspondence with DWR.

BVWSD

BVWSD updated its GWMP and its Board of Directors adopted the plan on May 21, 2014. BVWSD's Project will directly affect groundwater levels and quality as higher quality State Water Project water will be recharged resulting in higher groundwater levels, and in dry years groundwater will be extracted resulting in a lowering of groundwater levels (although less than without the project).

GHCSO

GHCSO obtains its groundwater supply from the Tehachapi Basin, which is an adjudicated groundwater basin. Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District (TCCWD) is the court designated Watermaster for the Tehachapi Basin, which is an adjudicated groundwater basin under California Superior Court Order. Adjudication of the basin was determined to be necessary due to dwindling groundwater supplies. Since the groundwater basin is managed pursuant to court judgments, a groundwater management plan is not required as AB 3030 allows for this type of alternative structure for management of groundwater basins (Water Code Sections 10750 to 10756). The basin have been actively managed by TCCWD, the court designated Watermaster, for the past 40 years. As Watermaster, TCCWD prepares annual reports and submits them to the Court on a calendar year basis.

In regards to the specifics of the adjudication, a lawsuit was filed in the Kern County Superior Court for the Tehachapi Groundwater Basin in 1966. The Judgment, Superior Court Case No. 97210, was filed in 1971. A physical solution to meeting the parties' water needs was established by filing the "Amendment to Judgment" in 1973. This ruling created "allowed pumping allocations" for each party as well as party domestic rights which restricted total annual extractions within the Tehachapi Basin to the safe yield of 5,500 AF.

The Judgment incorporated the following requirements:

- Appointed TCCWD as Watermaster and designated duties, powers, and responsibilities;
- Injunction against exporting native groundwater from the basin;

- Injunction against diverting surface water from the watershed;
- Remains under continuing jurisdiction of the Court.

The main purpose of the Judgment is to provide a groundwater management program in the basins in order to prevent further damage to the basins and to allow the integration of imported supplemental water with local groundwater supplies. TCCWD and the stakeholders in the basin have been working diligently to resolve groundwater related concerns.

A copy of the Judgment can be provided to DWR if requested.

Note that the adjudicated Tehachapi Basin includes the majority of the Tehachapi Valley West and East Basins (DWR Bulletin 188 Basin Nos. 5-28 and 6-45). The proposed project is within the adjudicated basin.

Table 1.8-1: Status of GWMPs

Project Proponent	Project	Contact Information	GWMP and Status	Compliance Documentation	Groundwater Users Subject to GWMP
BVWSD	The Palms Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project	Buena Vista Water Storage District Maurice Etchechury, Engineer-Manager (661) 324-1101 maurice@bvh2o.com	Adopted the BVWSD GWMP in May 21, 2014.	Self-Certification Appendix 1.8-A	-BVWSD -Buttonwillow County Water District
GHCSO	Antelope Conjunctive Use Project (Steuber Phase)	Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District John Martin, General Manager (661)822-5504 jmartin@tccwd.com Golden Hills CSD Bill Fisher, General Manager (661) 822-3064 bfisher@ghcsd.com	Adjudicated Groundwater Basin under Kern County Superior Court Case No. 97210	Self-Certification Appendix 1.8-B	-TCCWD -GHCSO -City of Tehachapi

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**CERTIFICATION FOR GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPLIANCE
FOR THE
PROPOSITION 84, IMPLEMENTATION
GRANT PROGRAM**

Grant Program: Proposition 84, Implementation
 IRWM Region: Tulare Lake Basin Portion of Kern County (Kern Region)
 Agency name: Buena Vista Water Storage District
 Project Title (as shown on application form): The Palms Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project

Please check one of the boxes below and sign and date this form.

- ☒ As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the agency has prepared and implemented a GWMP in compliance with CWC §10753.7.
- ☐ As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the agency participates or consents to be subjected to an existing GWMP, basin-wide management plan, or other IRWM program or plan that meets the requirements of CWC §10753.7(a).
- ☐ As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the agency conforms to the requirements of an adjudication of water rights in the subject groundwater basin.
- ☐ As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that my project is located in a low or very low priority groundwater basin (as defined by CASGEM) and the agency consents to be subjected to a GWMP that will meet the requirements of CWC §10753.7 and be completed within 1-year of the grant application submittal date.

I understand that the Department of Water Resources will rely on this signed certification in order to approve funding and that false and/or inaccurate representations in this Certification may result in loss of all funds awarded to the applicant for its project. Additionally, for the aforementioned reasons, the Department of Water Resources may withhold disbursement of project funds, and/or pursue any other applicable legal remedy.

Maurice Etchechury
 Name of Authorized Representative
 (Please print)


 Signature

Engineer-Manager
 Title

7/27/15
 Date

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Grant Program: Proposition 84, Implementation
 IRWM Region: Tulare Lake Basin Portion of Kern County (Kern Region)
 Agency name: Golden Hills Community Services District
 Project Title (as shown on application form): Antelope Conjunctive Use Project (Steuber Phase)

Please check one of the boxes below and sign and date this form.

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William Fisher
 Name of Authorized Representative
 (Please print)



Signature

General Manager

Title

07-16-15

Date